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# RULES AND ORDERS.

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## TOUCHING THE DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER.

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### 1st.

The Speaker shall take the Chair every day precisely at the hour to which the House stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order, and after Divine Service has been performed, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of preceding day to be read.

### 2nd

He shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members; shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members; and his decision of any question shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required; and he may vote on every question, except on an appeal from the decision of the Chair, on a question of order.

### 3rd.

The Speaker shall examine and correct the journal before it is read. He shall have a general direction of the hall. He shall have a right to name, from time to time, any member to perform the duties of the chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. He shall appoint all conferrees and committees, unless otherwise directed by the House; and may admit stenographers willing to take down the debates, and assign them such places on the floor, or elsewhere, to effect their objects as shall not interfere with the business or convenience of the House.

## 4th.

In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the Speaker (or chairman of the committee of the whole house) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

## 5th.

No person shall be admitted within the bar of the House, but members of the Executive and Judiciary departments, members of the Senate, former members of the Legislature, and such other persons as may be invited by the Speaker.

## OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

## 6th.

The Clerk of the House shall, within six days from the commencement of the session, place in the hands of the Speaker, a correct list of all bills, resolutions and reports, which originated in this House, and were referred from the preceding to the succeeding session.

## 7th.

Immediately after the reading of the proceedings of the preceding day, the clerk shall announce the bills ready for a second reading, and the orders of the day; after which the following order of proceedings shall be observed, &c.

The presentation and disposition of petitions, memorials, applications, or other papers.

Orders and leaves to introduce bills and resolutions will be received.

Reports of standing committees will be in order.

Reports of select committees will be in order.

Bills reported for a first reading, will then be in order.

Reports, orders, resolutions and bills entitled to a second reading, by the 40th rule, will be taken up and considered in due order, according to the 42nd rule.

The order of the day will then be taken up for consideration.

Which last shall not be taken up before 12 o'clock, unless all the ordinary business shall have been previously disposed of, and shall, after that hour, have preference over all ordinary business.

## OF DECORUM, DEBATE, &amp;c.

## 8th.

Every member shall take his seat when the Speaker takes the chair, and when the House adjourns, every member shall remain in his place until the Speaker go forth.

## 9th.

No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

## 10th.

When a member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat uncovered, and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker:"—he shall confine himself to the question under debate; shall avoid personality; and shall use some other distinction than the proper name of any other member to whom he may refer in debate.

## 11th.

If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the Speaker shall determine which shall speak first, and no member shall speak more than twice to the same question, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

## 12th.

If any member shall, in any manner, transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may call to order, in which case the members so called to order, shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed, if otherwise he shall not be permitted to proceed without leave of the House, and if the case require it, he shall be liable, to the censure of the House.

## 13th.

No member shall vote on any question in the result of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when the question was put; and upon

a division and count of the House, on any question, no member without the bar shall be counted.

#### 14th.

Every member who shall be in the House when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons shall excuse him; and the refusal of any member present to vote, on calling the yeas and nays, shall be noted on the journal at the request of any member.

#### 15th.

No member, without permission of the House, shall answer on the yeas and nays, who did not divide on the question; and if any member divide on one side and answer on the other, on calling the yeas and nays, the same shall be noted on the journal, at the request of any member.

#### 16th.

No member shall take out of the House any bill or other paper belonging to the House, without leave of the Speaker, and no original paper shall be delivered to any person during the recess of the Legislature, without a written order from the Speaker.

#### 17th.

Any member, on motion, or in debate, may call for the reading of any law, journal, record or other public proceedings, which may relate to the subject matter.

#### 18th.

No member shall nominate more than one person or any committee, and in making such nomination, he shall rise and address himself to the Speaker.

#### 19th.

The name of every member making a motion, presenting any petition, memorial, or other paper, or proposing any resolution, order, or other matter, shall be inserted on the journal; but if any motion or proposition be withdrawn, all proceedings relating immediately thereto, shall be expunged from the journal.



## 20th.

Whilst the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, none shall walk out, or cross the House; nor in such case, or while a member is speaking, shall hold private discourse so as to interrupt debate.

## 21st.

When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker; or being in writing, it shall be handed to the chair, and read aloud by the clerk, before debated: and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker, or any member, require it.

## 22nd.

When a motion is made and seconded, or when a question is under debate, the matter shall receive a determination by the question, or it may be postponed by a motion to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a bill, shall have precedence of a motion to amend, and if carried, shall be equivalent to its rejection, and when a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted on again during the session.

## 23rd.

The previous question shall be in this form: "shall the main question be now put?" It may be called for on any question except on an amendment, or other matter, which cannot in its nature, be postponed; and when demanded by a majority of the members present, it shall, until it is decided, preclude all further amendment and debate of the main question. On a previous question there shall be no debate.

## 24th.

Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by seven members who shall have divided on the question; and whenever the yeas and nays are ordered to be taken, no question of adjournment shall be received or propounded by the Speaker, until the yeas and nays are called, counted and reported.

## 25th.

Any member may call for a division of a question, which shall be divided, if it comprehends questions so distinct, that one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the House, and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on an amendment shall be taken first, and then divided if required, into as many parts as admit of distinct questions.

## 26th.

A motion to strike out and insert, shall be deemed inadvisable, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment, nor a motion to strike out and insert. A motion to strike out and insert, together with the matter proposed to be inserted, shall be received, and the question on it taken as one entire motion, but any member may have the same divided, agreeably to the 25th rule.

No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

## 27th

All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present: those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so *vice versa*, until a decision by the Speaker.

## 28th.

When a question has once been decided in the affirmative, or negative, a motion of reconsideration shall be in order, if made by one member, and seconded by two others who voted in the majority, within three days after the decision; and no motion for reconsideration shall be postponed or laid on the table.

## 29th.

Petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the House, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place; and the object of all petitions and memorials shall be endorsed on the back, and shall be entered on the journal.

## 30th.

The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at

the preceding adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day; and no motion, or any other business shall be received, without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.

### 31st.

Any fifteen members (including the Speaker, if there be one,) shall be authorised to compel the attendance of absent members.

### 32nd.

Every committee shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

### 33rd.

No committee shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

### 34th.

On an election to any office of trust or profit, no ballot shall be counted, unless the person for whom it is given be nominated to the House before the balloting be commenced, except as may be otherwise provided for by the Constitution.

### 35th.

When a blank is not filled up, and different sums, numbers, or times, shall be proposed, the question shall first be taken on the largest sum, or number, and on the latest time.

## OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

### 36th.

Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, by an order of the House, or on the report of a committee, and in either of the two cases first mentioned, a committee to prepare the same shall be appointed.

### 37th.

Every bill may have its first reading by its title.

### 38th.

Upon the first reading of every bill or resolution, the question of consideration shall be put; and if the House refuse to consider the bill, it shall not be printed, and shall not be entitled to a second reading during the session: if no opposition

be made, or if the question to consider be decided in the affirmative, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

### 39th.

All bills of a private or local character and of a partial operation, received from the Senate, shall be referred to a select committee of three members, to be appointed by the Speaker, and bills of a public or general character, received from the Senate, relating to subjects upon which committees have been appointed, shall be referred, severally, to the committee to which the same shall belong, respectively.

### 40th.

Every bill or resolution originating in this House, or received from the Senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time, it shall lie on the table for the perusal of members, unless on very urgent occasions, the House, by special order, two-thirds of the members present agreeing, dispense with the rule; which order shall be entered on the Journal.

### 41st.

No bill or resolution shall have a second reading until every member in the city shall be called upon to attend (if required by three members,) except he be excused by the House for indisposition, or a necessary attendance on public business; but calls of the House shall be made, if required by seven members, on any other subject under the consideration of the House.

### 42nd.

All bills and resolutions, which have been once read and are entitled to a second reading by the rules of the House, shall be arranged every morning agreeably to seniority, by the Clerk, placed on the Speaker's desk, taken up by him in just turn, and read a second time, although no motion for a second reading may have been made.

### 43rd.

The following standing committees, each to consist of seven members, shall be appointed by the Speaker, at the commencement of the session, viz :

1. A committee on Elections and Privileges ;
2. A committee on Ways and Means ;
3. A committee on Claims ;
4. A committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice ;
5. A committee on Military Pensions and Revolutionary Claims ;
6. A committee on Internal Improvements ;
7. A committee on Education ;
8. A committee on the Militia ;
9. A committee on Insolvency ;
10. A committee on Crimes and Punishments ;
11. A committee on Pensions to indigent persons by County Assessment ;
12. A committee on Agriculture ;
13. A committee on Manufactures ;
14. A committee on Inspections ;
15. A committee on Lotteries ;
16. A committee on Expiring Laws ;
17. A committee on the State Library ;
18. A committee on Engrossed Bills and Resolutions.
19. A committee on Printing.
20. A committee on Federal Relations.
21. A committee on Divorces.
22. A committee on Retrenchment.

## OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

### 44th.

There shall be a standing committee of the whole House, on the condition of the State, which may originate bills or resolutions, and may sit, when required by seven members.

### 45th.

Every bill, resolution, report, order or other matter, before its second reading in the House, shall, if required by any five members, be committed to a committee of the whole House.

### 46th.

In forming a committee of the whole House, the Speaker shall leave his chair, and a chairman to preside in committee, shall be appointed by the Speaker.

**47th.**

Upon bills, resolutions, reports, orders, or other matters committed to a committee of the whole House, the same shall be first read throughout by the Clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the title and preamble to be last considered; the body of the bill, resolution, report, order or other matter, shall not be defaced or interlined; but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so report to the House; after report, the bill, resolution, report, order or other matter, shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses.

**48th.**

The rules of proceedings in the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole House, so far as they are applicable.

**49th.**

No standing rule or order shall be rescinded or changed, without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor.

Nor shall any rule be suspended, except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

**50th.**

Reports of committees, on subjects of a private or local nature, shall not in future, be entered *in extenso* on the journal; but the favorable or unfavorable character only, of such reports, shall be placed on the journal.

**51st.**

The Speaker shall, at the commencement of every session, appoint a standing committee on corporations, whose duty it shall be, to investigate all such bills for creating corporations as may be referred to them, and report if any and what inconvenience may result to the State from the passage of such bills.

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